

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager,

playing an underlying game of chance,

playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from a player in combination with the underlying game of chance, the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance having a house advantage within a predetermined range, wherein

the house advantage is dependent upon the knowledge of a particular player.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of playing the knowledge-based game occurs when play of the underlying game of chance stops.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 3 wherein~~ A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager,

playing an underlying game of chance,

playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from a player in combination with the underlying game of chance, the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance having a house advantage within a predetermined range, wherein

the step of playing the knowledge-based game occurs when play of the underlying game of chance stops and

stopping of the underlying game of chance is randomly chosen at a given frequency.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the knowledge-based bonus game has queries with answers and wherein the house advantage is at least a set limit based upon all answers to all queries in the knowledge-based bonus game are always correct.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein~~ A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager,

playing an underlying game of chance,

playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from a player in combination with the underlying game of chance, the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance having a house advantage within a predetermined range, wherein

the knowledge-based bonus game has queries with answers and wherein the house advantage is at most a set limit based upon all answers to all queries in the knowledge-based game are always guessed at.

Claims 11-17 (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein~~ A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager,

playing an underlying game of chance,

playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from a player in combination with the underlying game of chance, the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance having a house advantage within a predetermined range,  
wherein

the step of playing the knowledge-based bonus game ~~further~~ comprises the steps of:

paying the player a first amount when the player correctly answers,

paying the player a second amount when the player incorrectly answers.

19. (Original) A method for playing a combined knowledge-based bonus game with an underlying casino game of chance, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager,

playing the underlying casino game of chance,

stopping play of the underlying casino game of chance,  
playing the knowledge-based bonus game when the underlying casino game of chance is stopped, the steps of playing the knowledge-based game at least having the steps of:

- (a) providing at least one query to the player in the knowledge-based game,
  - (b) receiving at least one answer from the player in response to the provided at least one query,
  - (c) paying the player based upon the at least one answer by the player,
- providing a house advantage within a predetermined range for the combined knowledge-based bonus game and underlying casino game, the predetermined range having a set limit based at least upon all answers to all queries in the knowledge-based game are always correct and the wager.

Claims 20-23 (Canceled)

24. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the step of paying the player further comprises the steps of:

paying the player a first amount when the player correctly answers the at least one query,

paying the player a second amount when the player incorrectly answers the at least one query.

25. (Original) A method for playing a combined knowledge-based bonus game with an underlying casino game of chance, the method comprising the steps of:

playing the underlying casino game of chance,

playing the knowledge-based bonus game in combination with the underlying game, the steps of playing the knowledge-based game at least having the steps of:

(a) providing at least one query to the player in the knowledge-based game,

(b) receiving at least one answer from the player in response to the provided at least one query,

the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying casino game having a house advantage in a range from a first set limit based on all answers to all queries are correct and a second limit based on all answers to all queries are guessed.

Claims 26-29 (Canceled)

30. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the step of playing is randomly chosen at a given frequency.

Claims 31-87 (Canceled)

88. (New) A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager,

playing an underlying game of chance,

delivering payoffs, if any, in the underlying game of chance,  
playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from a player in  
combination with the underlying game of chance, the combined knowledge-based bonus  
game with the underlying game of chance having a house advantage within a  
predetermined range.